

## PROCLAMATION EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

May 16-22, 2004

**WHEREAS**, emergency medical services are a vital public service for North Dakota citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

**WHEREAS**, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's emergency medical services system consists of physicians, nurses, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, advanced first aid ambulance attendants, first responders, firefighters, educators, administrators and others; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services team members, whether career or volunteer, participate in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 16-22, 2004, **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/ John Hoeven Governor

Attest:

/s/ Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State